GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4413
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DISCRETIONARY QUOTA OF TELEPHONE CONNECTION OF MPS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections could be recommended by a Member of Parliament in a year ;

(b) whether the Member of Parliament could recommend telephone connections in his/her own constituency only ;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to provide quota to the Lok Sabha member on the line ofthe Rajya Sabha member so that he/she could give telephone connections to the people of constituency who are residing in other States ; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) A Member of Parliament can recommend hundred out of turn telephone connections from his/her allotted quota in a calendar year.

(b) Yes sir. A Member of Parliament of Lok Sabha can recommend out of turn telephone connections within his/her constituency from which he/she has been elected. A Member of Parliament of Rajya Sabha can recommend within his/her state represented by him/her. The constituency of Member of Parliament of Rajya Sabha has been defined so in the meeting held on May 19, 1970 by the Joined Committee on Salary and Allowances of both the Houses of Parliament which has the power to make rules under section 9 of the Salary Allowances and Pension of Member of Parliament Act, 1954,

(c) No Sir. There is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.